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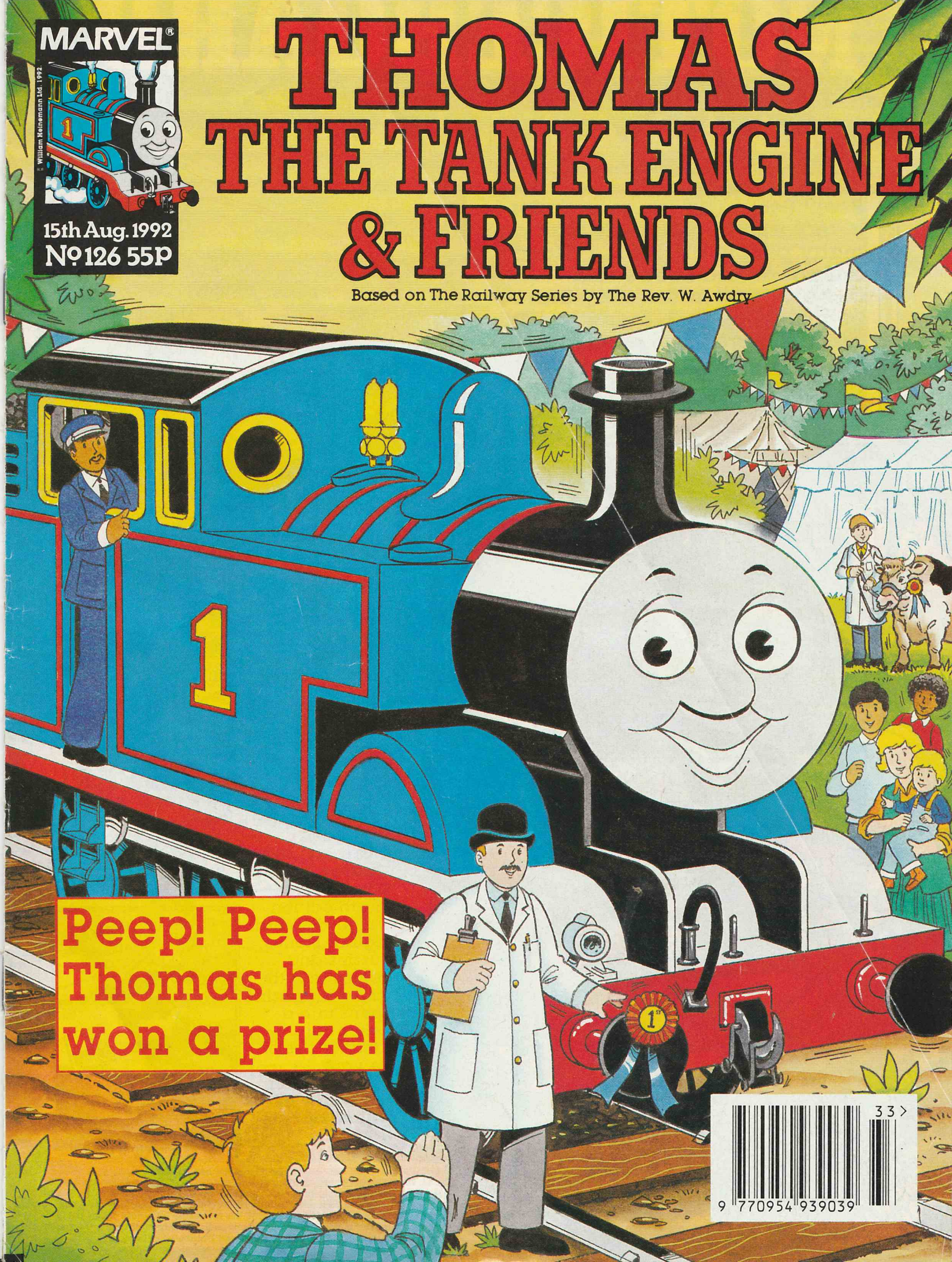

Peep! Peep! Thomas has won a prize!

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Peep! Peep! The Island of Sodor is a very exciting place to visit and many people attend the Island's annual award shows and celebrations! In the story that begins on page 3, many special awards have to be presented, but who is going to receive the most important award of all? Peep! Peep!

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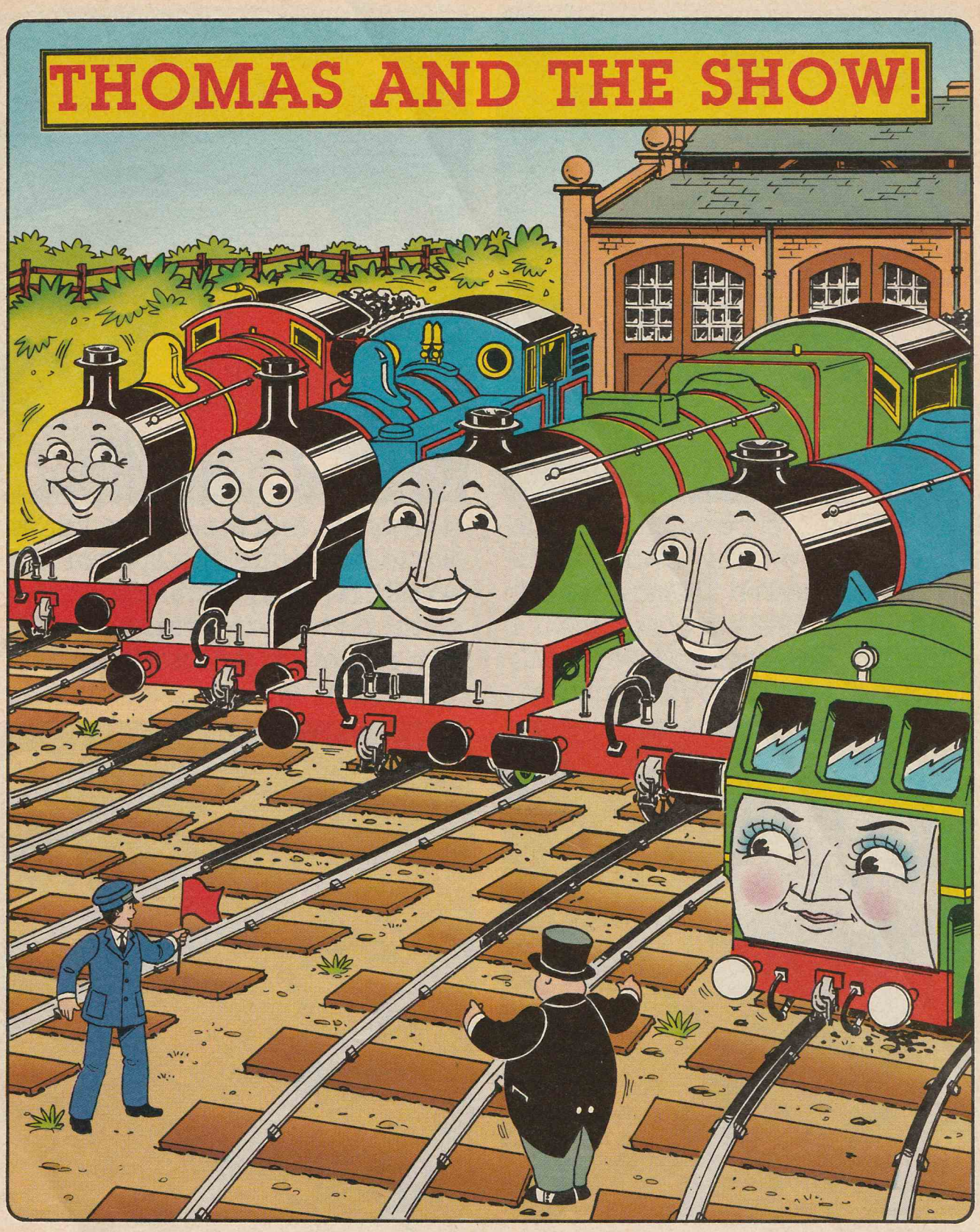
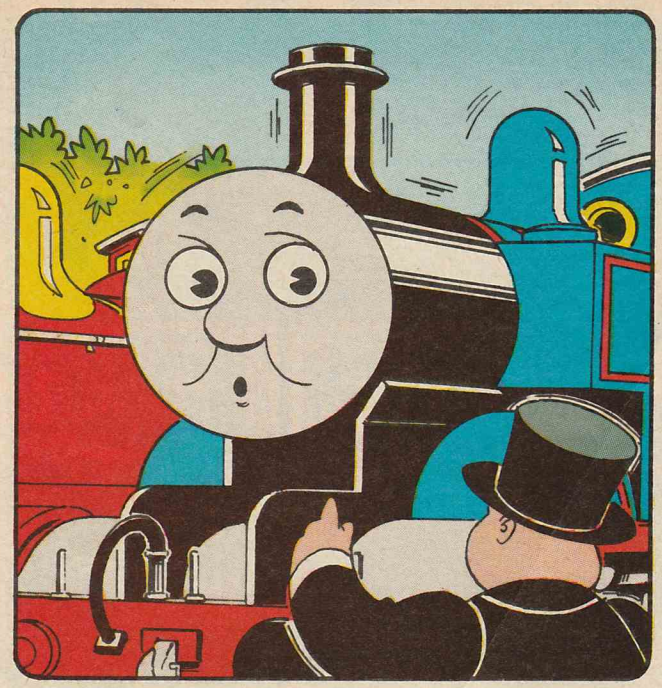
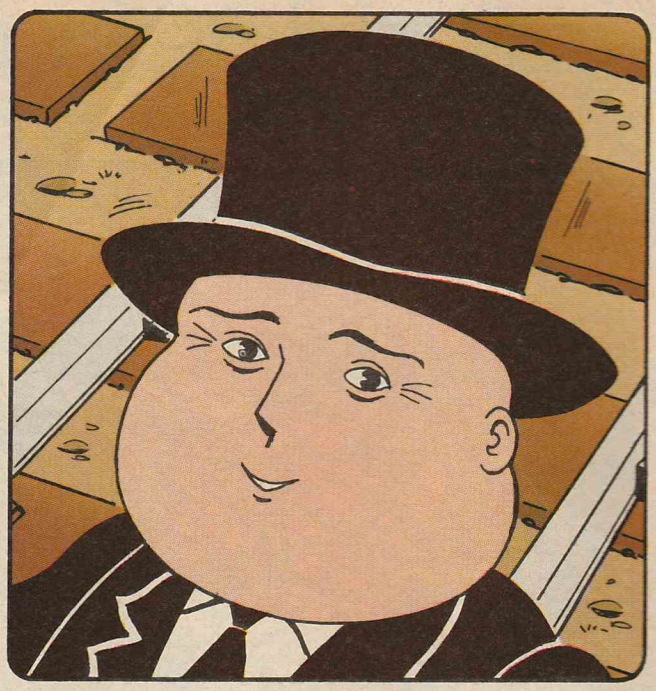


1. It was the day of the Island of Sodor Agricultural Show. The Fat Controller went to see his engines. "We must have enough coaches to carry all the passengers!" he told them.

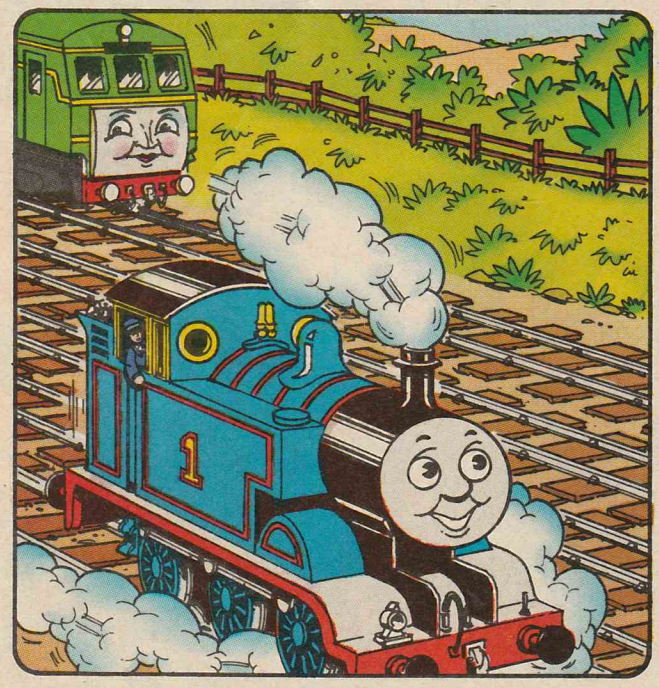
2. Gordon was to pull the Express. The Fat Controller sent James and Henry to the Big Harbour to collect visitors arriving by boat. Thomas was to carry passengers to the show too!



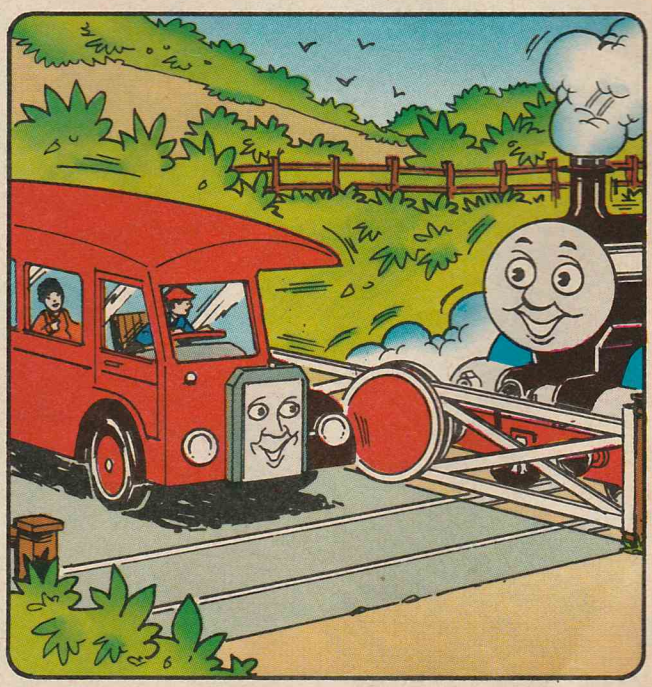
3. "Will there be lots of people travelling on my branch line today, sir?" asked Thomas."Yes! But I would like Daisy to collect them. I have a special job for you, Thomas!" replied the Fat Controller.



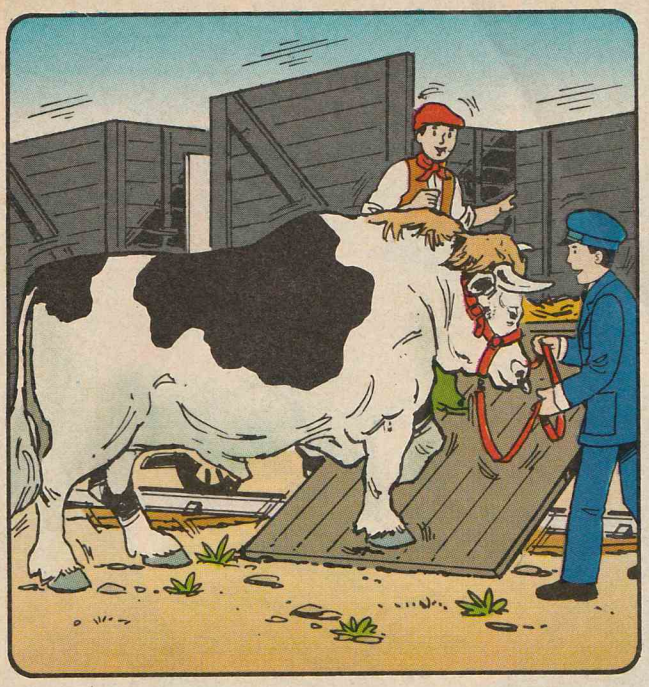
4. Thomas and the other engines wondered what the special job would be. "You are to collect the farm animals and carry them to the show!" instructed the Fat Controller.



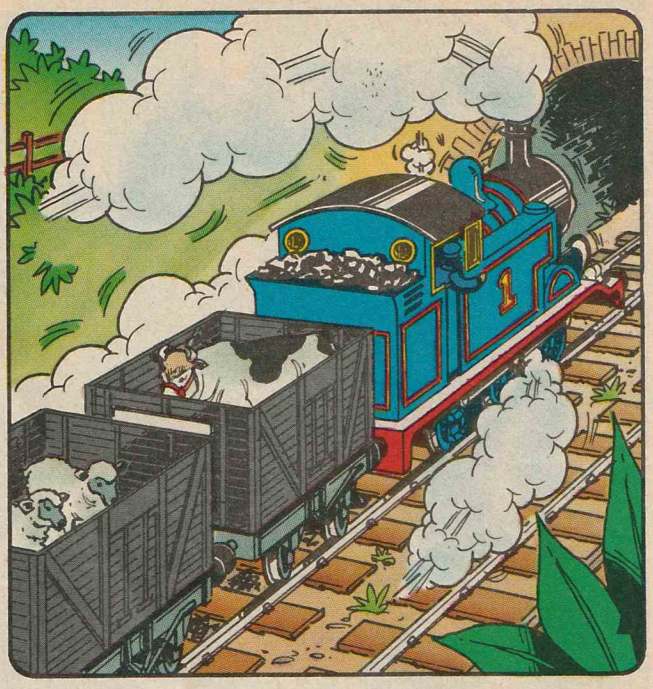
5. "Oh, thank you, sir," peeped Thomas excitedly. He bustled off importantly to collect the special high sided trucks. "What's so special about dirty farm animals?" mumbled Daisy.



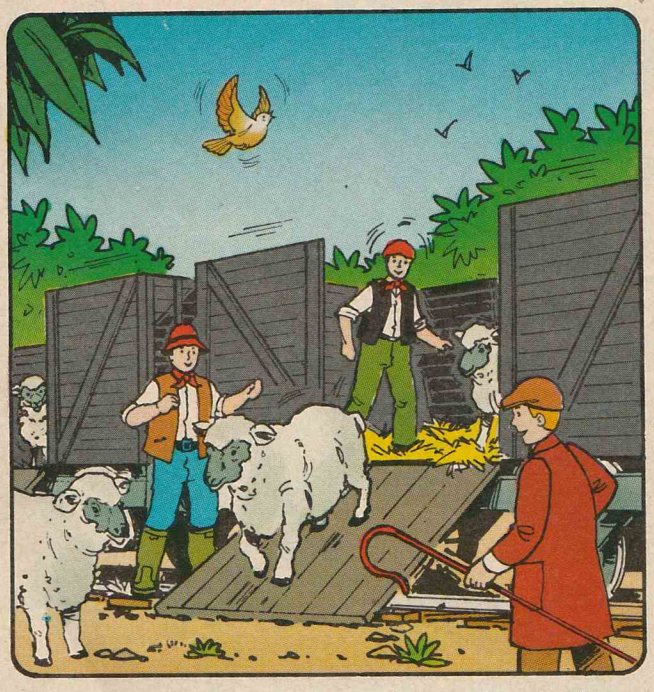
6. On the way to the farms, Thomas saw Bertie the Bus at a level crossing. Bertie was full of passengers going to the show. "Hello" smiled Thomas as Bertie drove over the level crossing.



7. At the first farm, Thomas's driver had to help the farmer coax a bull on to the first truck. Then Thomas collected some sheep. Soon the trucks carried pigs, cows and horses, too!



8. "Peep! Peep!" whistled Thomas, as he puffed through a tunnel. "Baa!" went the sheep. "Oink! Oink!" went the pigs. "Moo!" went the cows. "What a noise!" laughed Thomas.



9. When Thomas arrived at the show, there were people everywhere. Thomas waited while the animals were led out of the trucks. "We must stay here until the show is over!" said his driver.

10. Thomas was pleased to stay. The show was very colourful. A man in a bowler hat and coat came to look at all the animals Thomas had delivered. "He is the judge!" said Thomas's driver.

11. A large crowd gathered round to watch the judge examine the animals. The judge took out some bright rosettes from his pocket and attached them to the winning animals. The farmers looked very pleased. "What is the judge doing?" asked Thomas. "The rosettes tell everyone that these are prize animals!" said Thomas's driver.

12. The judge saw Thomas standing smartly. He walked over and spoke to Thomas's driver. "What a magnificent engine!" he said. "Thanks to you, the animals arrived in very good condition!" He fixed a rosette on to Thomas's buffers. Everyone clapped. "You are a prize engine, Thomas!" said the judge. Thomas felt very pleased indeed!

THE END

In our next issue: The library train!

SPLENDID NEWS!

Join Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends for more stories and fun on the Island of Sodor, inside the charming 4th edition of Thomas Fold-Out Fun! Each story, puzzle and game within this splendid magazine is centred around the theme of summertime! And when all the stories have been read and the activities completed, the whole magazine opens into a superb summer scene poster for your bedroom wall!

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THE APPLE PICKERS!

It was a splendid morning on the Island of Sodor. The sky was blue and the sun shone brightly. Thomas rolled happily out of the engine shed, bright and early. The Fat Controller came to see him.

"You must collect some apple-pickers at Wellsworth Station and take them to the farmer's orchard, Thomas!" he said. Thomas was pleased. He liked apple-picking time.

"Yes, sir!" replied Thomas. "The apple-pickers are very friendly. Thomas was coupled to Annie and Clarabel. Then he puffed eagerly out of the yard. As Thomas neared Wellsworth Station, the apple-pickers waved to him from the platform. Thomas waited at the station while everyone climbed aboard Annie and Clarabel. Then he set off for the farm.

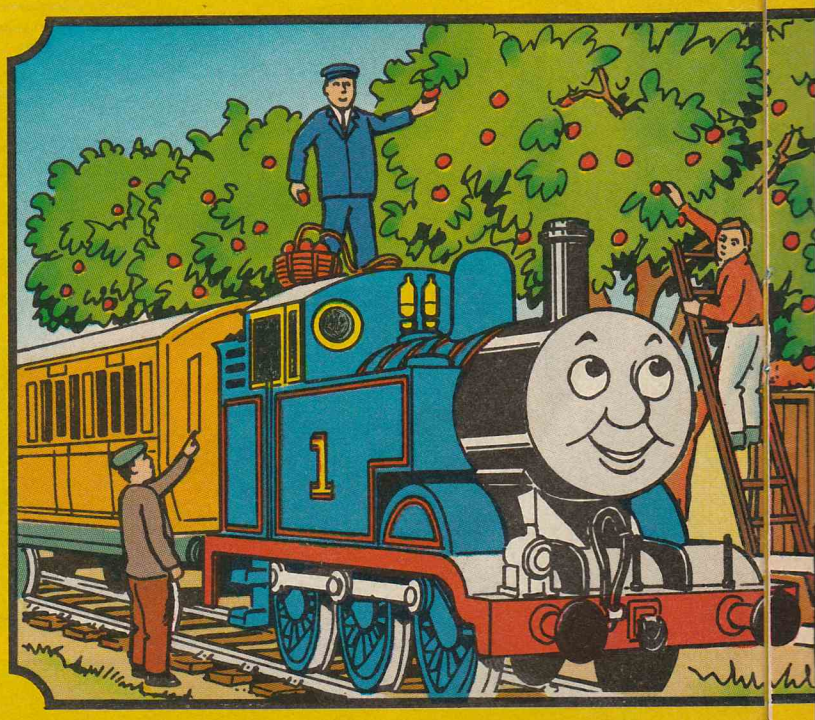
When Thomas arrived, he could see the orchard. Thomas could see two tall trees full of big, ripe apples. Thomas pulled slowly on to a siding by the orchard. The apple-pickers climbed out of the carriages and the farmer greeted them. He gave them baskets to put fruit in. Men leant ladders against the trees so they could reach the apples on the very top branches.

"Gather them all," said the farmer. "The apples must go to market!"

Thomas watched everyone begin work. Some apple-pickers sang and whistled merrily. Others laughed and joked. In no time, they had filled several baskets of fruit.

"Gracious! What a lot of apples!" Thomas told his driver. "I wish I could help! Apple-picking is good fun!"

Thomas was about to leave when one of the apple-pickers pointed to a tree very close to the siding.



He went to see the farmer. One of the tree branches hung right over the track. The branch was full of apples.

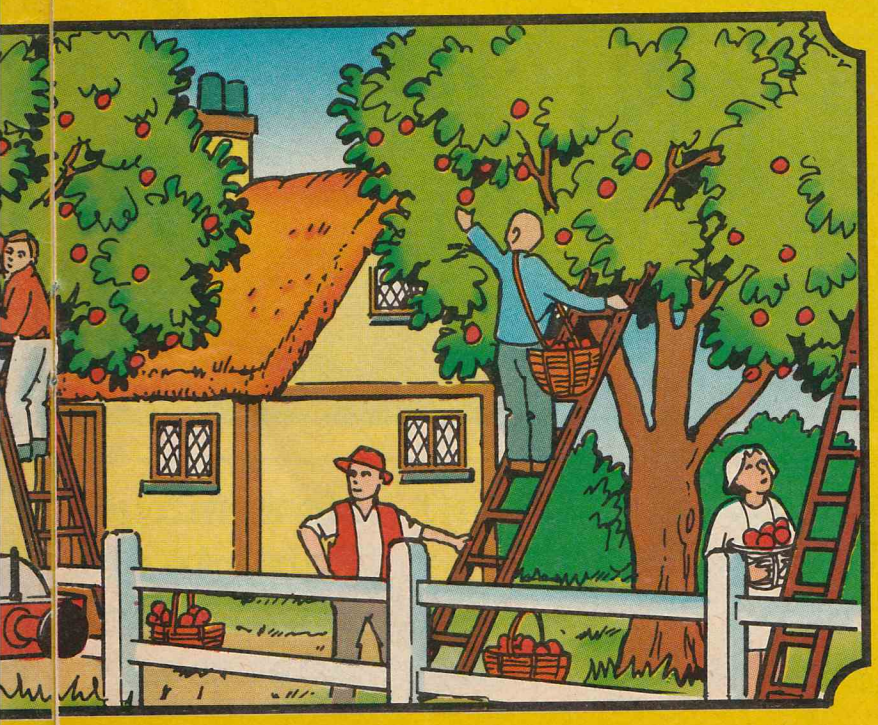
"We can't reach those apples!" said one of the apple-pickers.

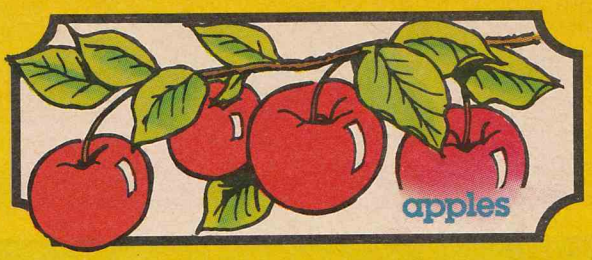
"It's a shame to waste them!" replied the farmer. "They will fall off on to the track and rot!"

Thomas overheard. He had an idea.

"We can get those apples," he told his driver. The driver agreed. Thomas rolled forward, until he was underneath the overhanging branch. The farmer and apple-pickers watched. They were puzzled. Thomas's driver pulled on the brake lever. Everyone watched while the driver climbed on to the roof of Thomas's cab.

"What are you doing?" the





farmer called to him. The driver began picking apples from the branch.

"I can reach the fruit easily from up here!" he said.

Everyone, except Thomas, was very surprised indeed. The farmer fetched a basket and tied a rope to the handle. He threw one end of the rope to Thomas's driver who pulled up the basket and loaded the apples in it. When he had picked every one, the driver safely lowered the basket. Then he climbed back into Thomas's cab.

"Thank you!" laughed the farmer. "I would never have believed that a driver and an engine would have helped me to pick my apples!"

"Well done, Thomas!" said his driver. "Wait till the Fat Controller hears about this. You are a Really Useful Engine!"

"You mean, a Really Useful Apple-Picker!" chuckled Thomas.

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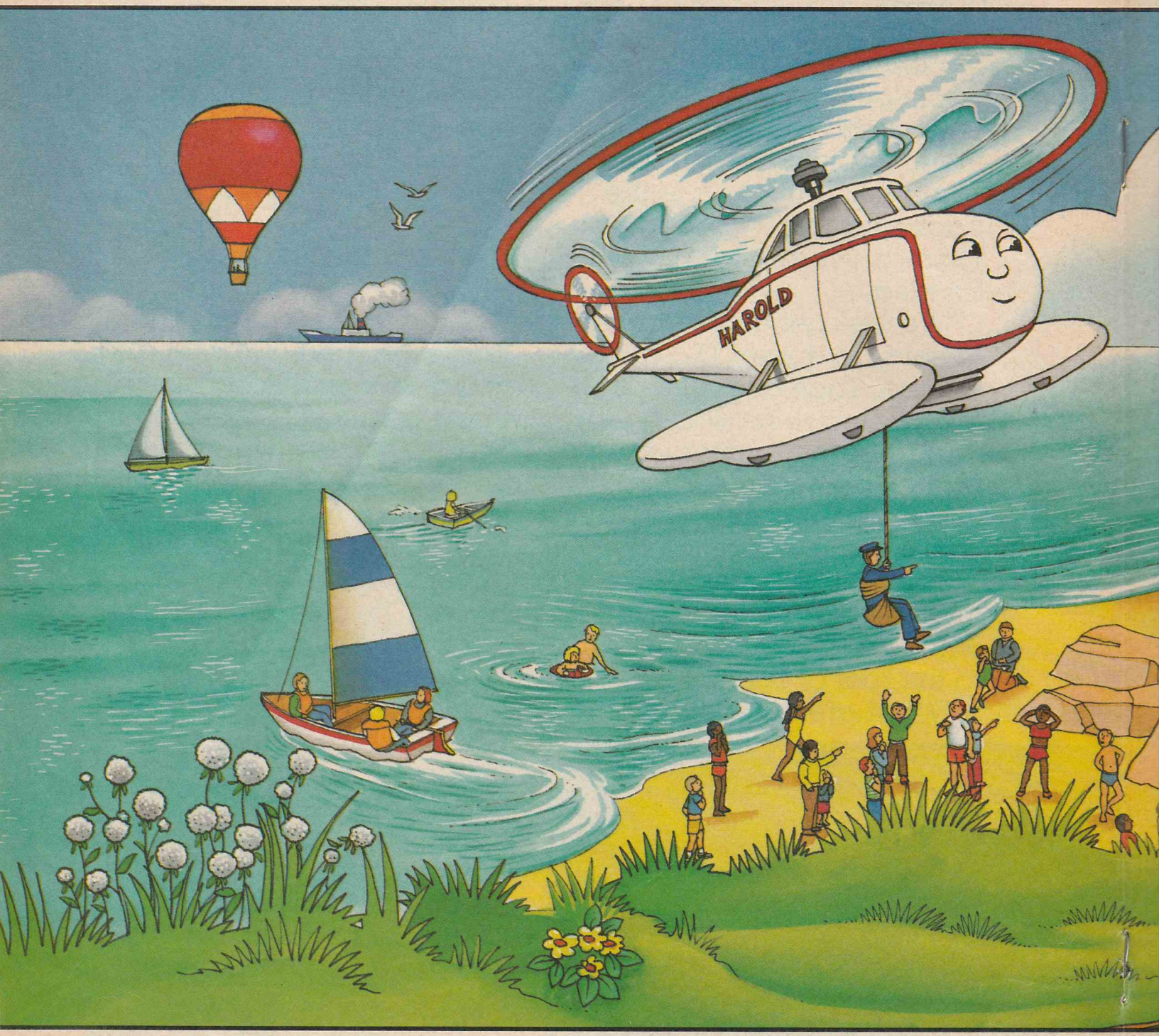

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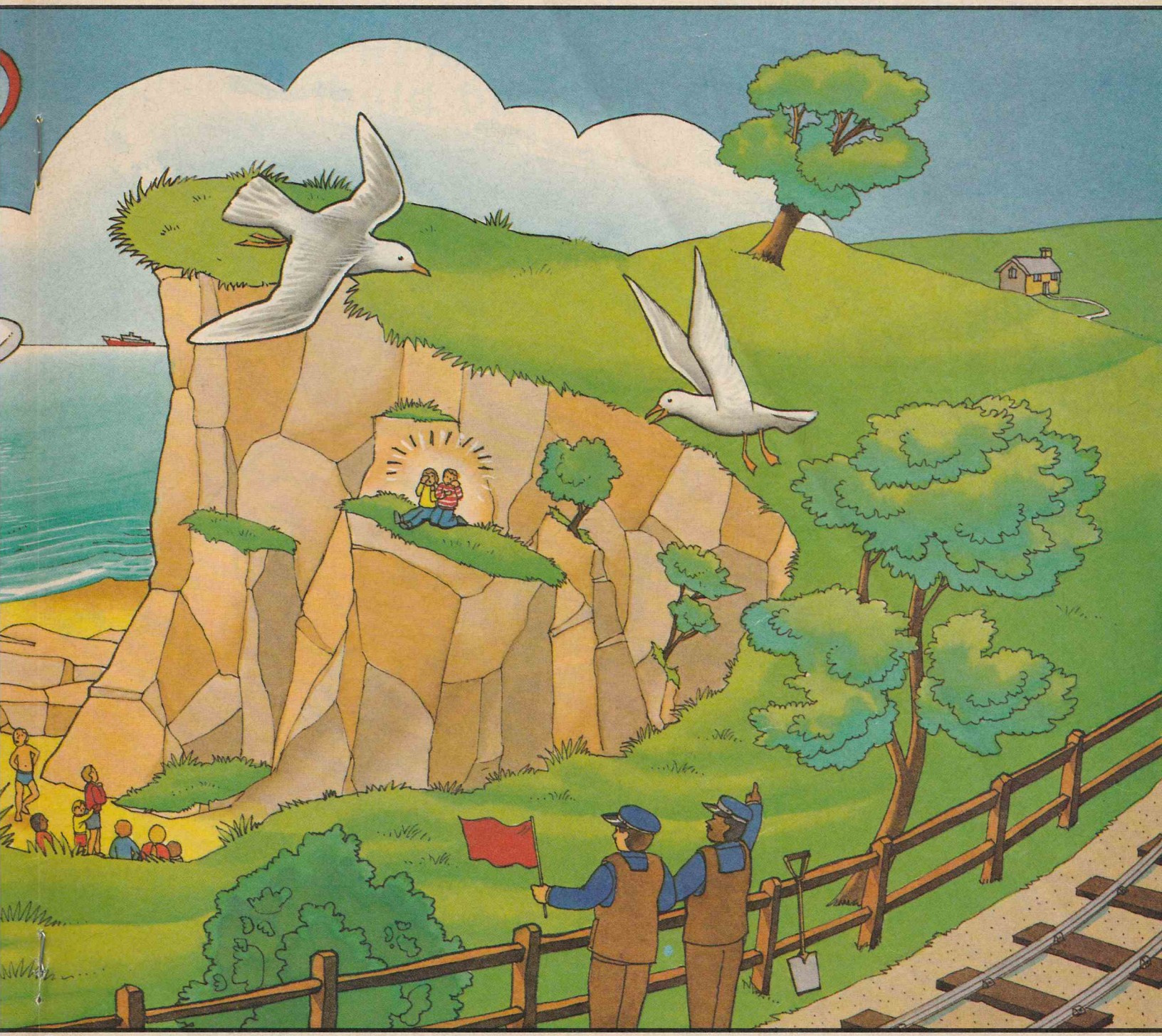

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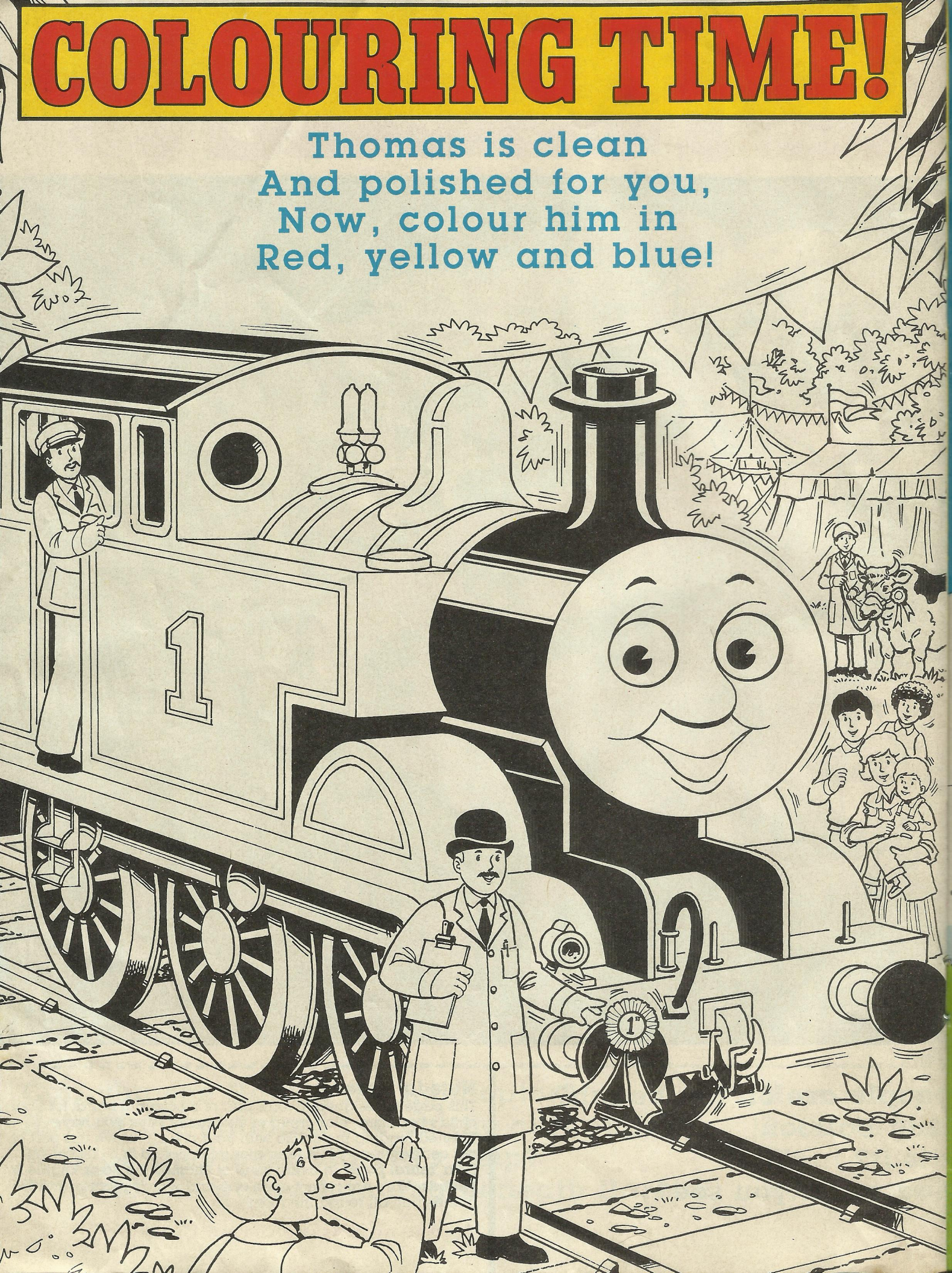
And polished for you,
Now, colour him in
Red, yellow and blue!



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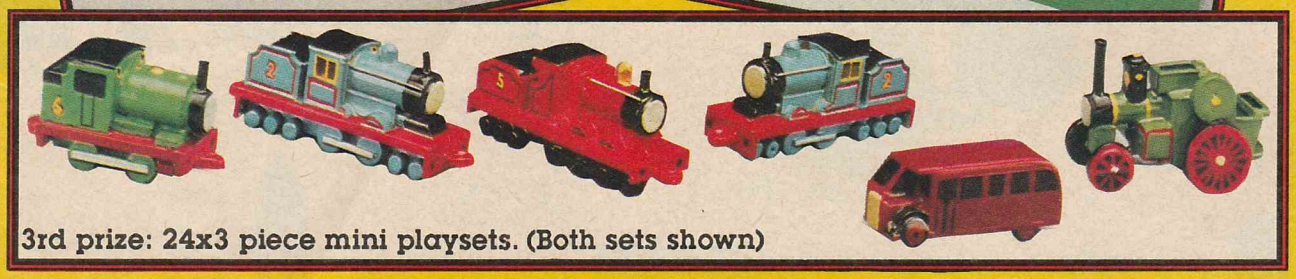

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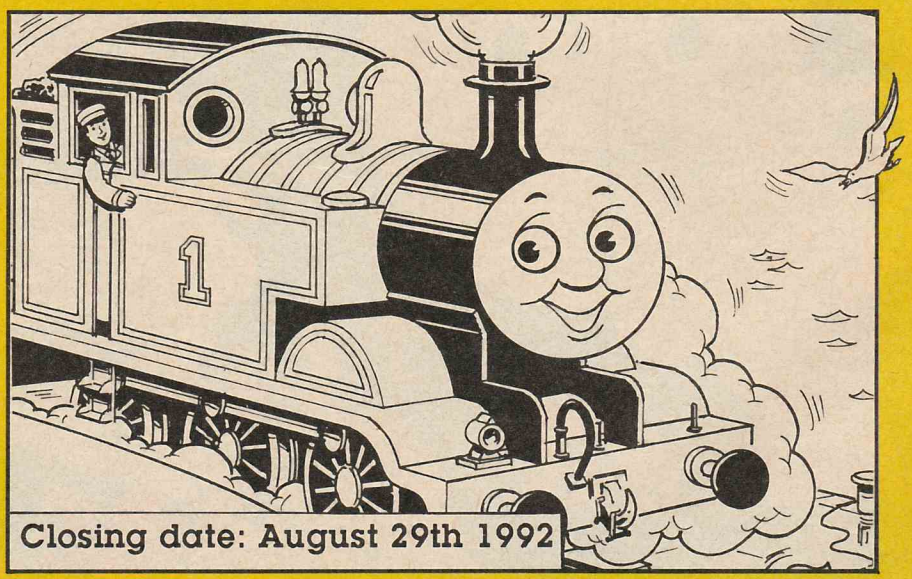

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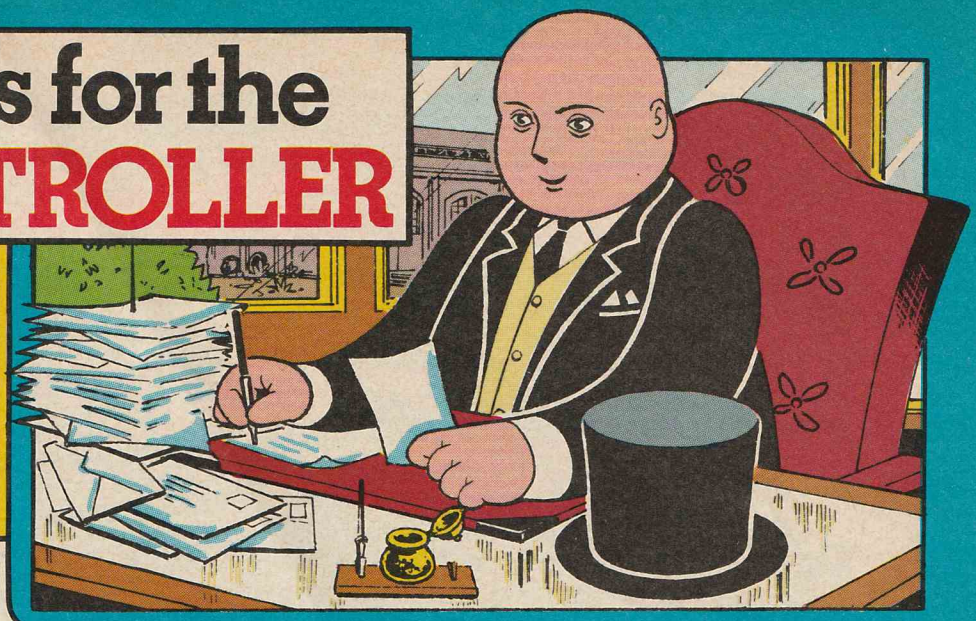

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I wish I could go on all the journeys on Thomas's branch line! It would be such fun to go past the lovely Windmill on the Island of Sodor!

Love from **Charlene Emes**, aged 3.

Thomas's branch line runs through some very scenic and interesting parts of the countryside on the Island of Sodor. It also runs through Wellsworth Village which has a tall and very splendid church spire!

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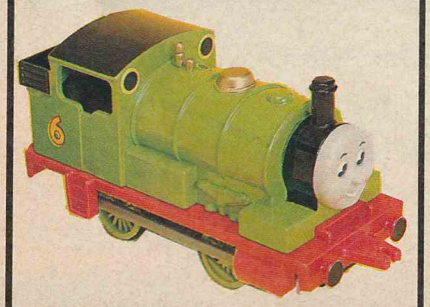

TUNNEL TROUBLE!

Dear Fat Controller,
I really liked the story about Percy, Henry, Thomas and the bat which was frightened in the tunnel! I have bats in my garden!

Love from **Andrew**, aged 4.

The other engines could hardly believe Percy when he told them that he had seen a bat in the tunnel. Now, my engines always remember to be very quiet when they go through tunnels!

FAMOUS TRAMLINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
I went to Whipsnade recently. I saw Thomas and travelled on some traction engines!

Love from **Gregory**, aged 7.

*It sounds as if you had a very exciting time at the Whipsnade line. I'm sure many of the Tram engines reminded you of **Toby**, who works near the quarry line on the Island of Sodor!*

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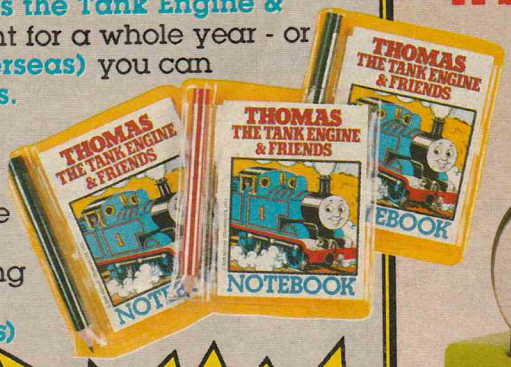

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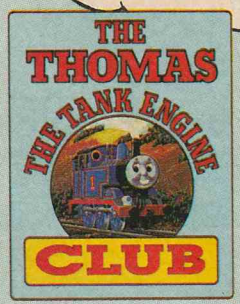

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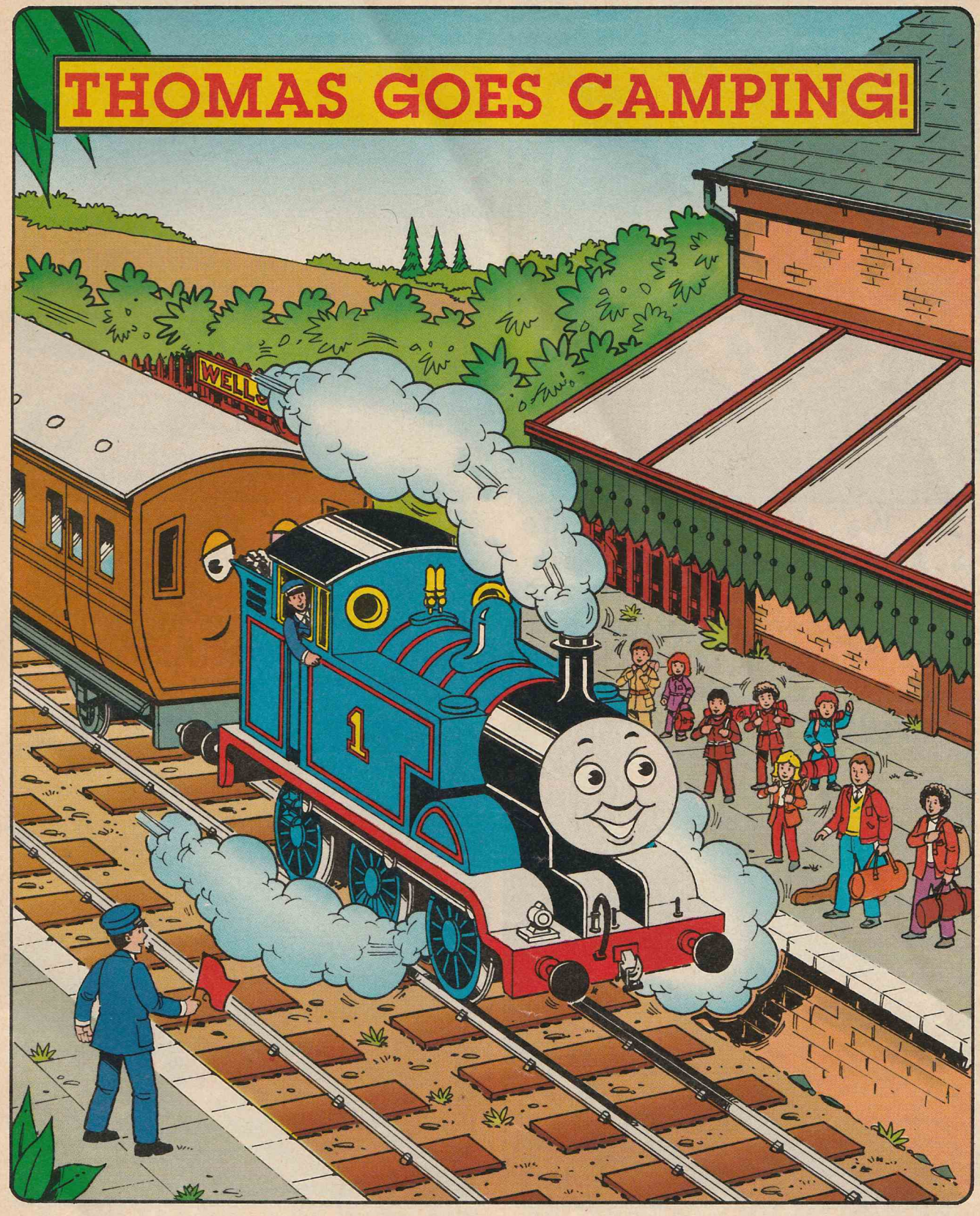
THOMAS GOES CAMPING!

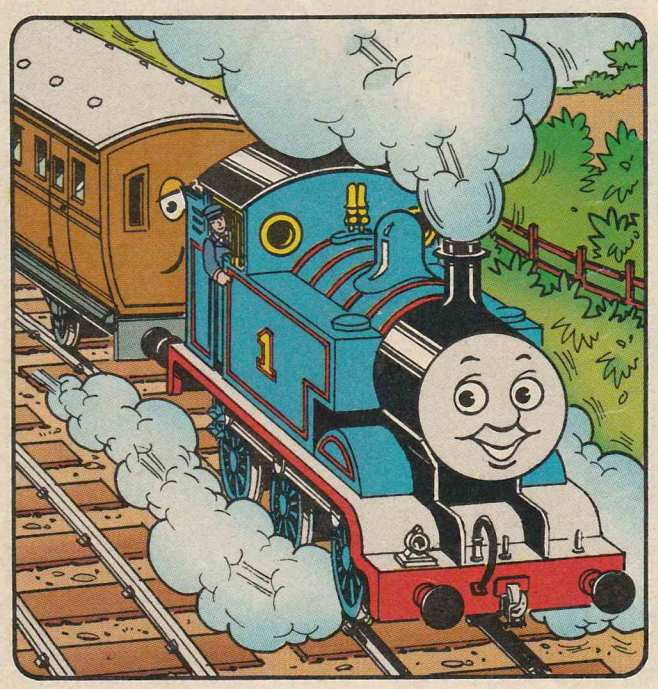


1.It was a fine day on the Island of Sodor. Thomas puffed along his branch line, pulling Annie and Clarabel. As he neared Wellsworth Station, he saw lots of children on the platform.

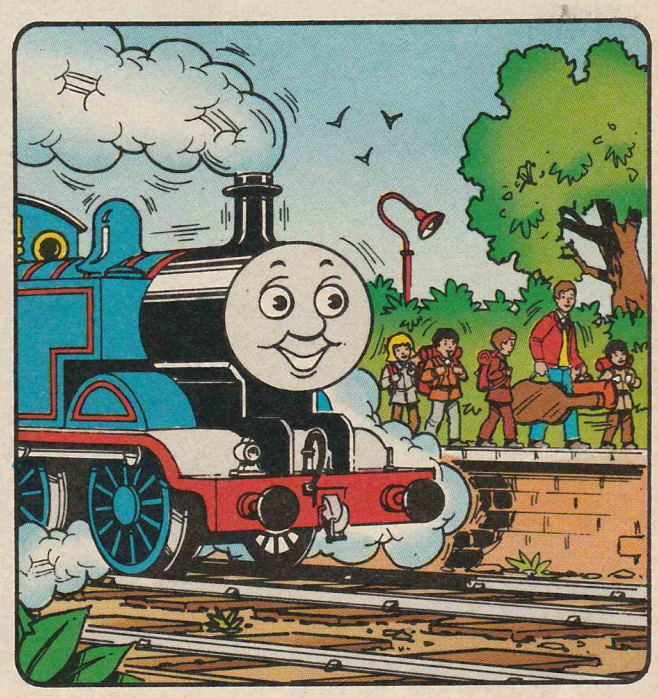
2. "Hurray! Here comes Thomas!" they cheered. "Peep! Peep! Hello!" whistled Thomas to his young friends. The children were from Wellsworth School. They each had a big bag full of equipment.

3. "We are to take the Schoolchildren to the countryside where they can camp," Thomas's driver told him. "They will put up tents." Thomas was puzzled.

4. "You'll see!" said his driver. Three teachers were in charge of the children. They told them to go and sit down in Thomas's carriages. Soon Annie and Clarabel were full of children.

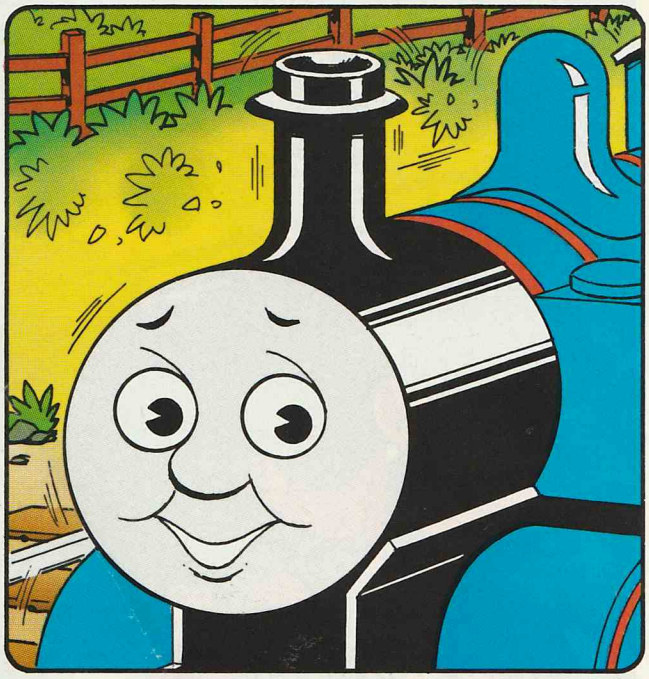


5. Thomas pulled slowly out of the station. As he puffed by some fields, he wondered about camping. "The children are very excited," he thought. "It must be good fun! I wish I could try it!"

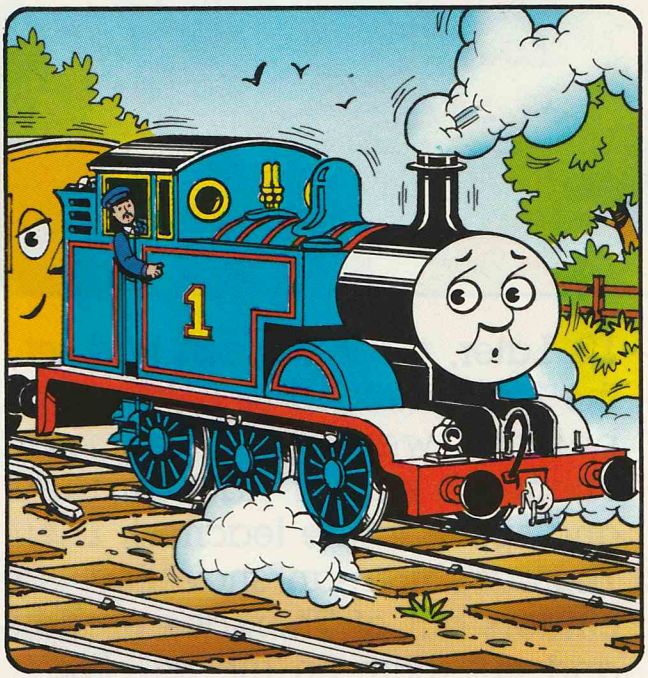


6. Thomas soon reached a very small station beside a trickling stream. His driver shut off steam and the children clambered out of Annie and Clarabel carrying the heavy bags.

7. They carried the bags into a field. Then the children joined poles together. They pulled canvas covers over the poles. Thomas watched from the station.



8. "They are putting up tents to sleep in," explained his driver. The teachers unpacked a delicious picnic. "Camping looks fun!" said Thomas. "I wish I could stay!"



9. But Thomas was busy and had to return to the Main Station. As Thomas began to move there was a strange noise from the track. "What was that?" cried Thomas's driver.

10. Thomas's driver climbed down from his cab to find out. "A rail has broken!" he frowned. He telephoned the Fat Controller. "We're stuck for now, Thomas!" he said, when he returned.

11. The engineers were too busy repairing the main line. They could not come to change the broken rail until the morning. "We will have to stay here tonight!" said Thomas's driver. Thomas felt excited. When the children heard about what had happened, they were glad Thomas could stay. "We can see Thomas from our tents," they laughed.

12. Later, when the sun had set, the teachers tried to light a fire, but the wood was too wet. Thomas's driver had an idea and spoke to the teachers. Then Thomas's fireman shovelled hot cinders out of Thomas's firebox and put them on the fire. Soon, the campfire was blazing brightly. Everyone sat around it and sang songs. Thomas whistled happily!

THE END

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